consumers, the departmental collection of the hirda (nut of Terminalia chebula), collection of shikakai (Acacia concinna) by purchasers, supply of bamboos on the permit system, &c. The demand for grass and grazing was met by sales of valuable kurans, or special grass reserves, and of grass on permits. Grazing to agricultural and other cattle was furnished in open forests on free and fee permits in accordance with the orders of Government on the point. The Bhil privilege-holders in the two divisions of Khándesh cut wood and bamboos, and remove them together with other forest produce from the Sátpuda forests, in the exercise of their conceded privileges; and local demands were thereby satisfied.

II.—WORKING OF THE YEAR.

(*a*). Communications and Buildings.

51. The Divisional Forest Officer, West Khándesh, spent a small sum of Rs. 6-12-0 in repairing the Kalambari forest road in the Pimpalner Range. Beyond this nothing has been done by this Department in connection with the construction of roads.

52. The following is a brief account of the new works and repairs to existing roads, &c., undertaken during the year by the Public Works Department at the cost of the Provincial Service Budget, the original projects having been started either at the suggestion of, or with the concurring opinion of the Forest Department.

The Executive Engineer, Khándesh Division, has made a commencement of the road from Warsa to Waghai. This road is designed with the object of connecting the minor States in the Dángs with Násik and Khándesh, and of facilitating the traffic of the timber coming down from the Dángs forests. The actual work done during the season from January to June, when work is possible in such an unhealthy and malarious part of the Dángs, is about 1½ miles, and the expenditure incurred is Rs. 5,164-10-2.

The Haste-Barke road in the Peint Táluka of the Násik Division has been finished, except the surfacing, to three miles, and was extensively used during the year for timber traffic.

In the Ahmednagar Division, two roads—one from Randha to Sarmad and the other from Jámgaon to Kotul—were in progress during the year. Two unfinished slab drains on the first were commenced and nearly completed, while on the second road three masonry culverts have been constructed.

No new roads were undertaken during the year in the Poona Division, but the Ghoda-A'mbegaon road, the work of which was started in 1888-89, was completed during the year 1892-93 at a cost of Rs. 52,402.

53. A detailed account of the works undertaken during the year at the cost of the Provincial Service Budget, by the Public Works Department, at the instance of, and under sanctions given by, the Conservator of Forests, from the discretionary grant of Rs. 2,000 which has been sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 183 A.—622, dated 18th April 1892, Public Works Department, is exhibited in the following statement:—

No.	Executive Officer.	Nature and Locality of Work.	Amount sanctioned.
			Rs.
1	Executive Engineer, Násik ...	Providing planked shutters to three glazed windows to the Range Forest Office at Nándgaon	22
2	Do. do. ...	Extending the godown of cook-room of the Divisional Forest Officer's bungalow	274
3	Do. do. ...	Providing a coach-house to the Divisional Forest Officer's bungalow	184
4	Do. Poona ...	Improvements to the Range Forest Office at Indápur	91
5	Executive Engineer, Sátára ...	Making roof of the Range Forest Office, Pátan, water-tight, and for providing a door	46
6	Do. Khándesh ...	Stone paving to the Range Forest Office, Bhusával	60

No.	Executive Officer.	Nature and Locality of Work.	Amount sanctioned.
			Rs.
7	Executive Engineer, Khándesh ...	Concrete floor to the store-room, &c., of Range Forest Office, Sindkheda ...	38
8	Do. Násik ...	Providing iron barred frames to the windows of the Divisional Forest Officer's bungalow	30
9	Do. Poona ...	Fixing a small gate in the verandah of the Range Forest Office at Vadgaon ...	19
10	Do. Sátára ...	Providing two new windows to the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, New Adálat Váda	63
11	Do. Ahmednagar	For paving the floor of the Hirda Depôt at Koltembhe	190
12	Do. do.	Do. do. at Talo ...	190
13	Do. do.	Do. do. at Shirpunje	190
14	Do. Khándesh.	Substituting a teak board window in place of a glass one to the Range Forest Office at Navápur	7
		Total ...Rs.	1,404

54. The following additional works were constructed by the Public Works Department during the year at the cost of the Provincial Service Budget :—

A forest depôt house on a sanctioned plan and estimate has been constructed at Karanjali, in the Násik Division, at a cost of Rs. 1,515.

The construction of the Range Forest Office at Vadgaon in the Poona Division, which was commenced in 1891-92, was completed during the year by the Executive Engineer, Poona, and a record room for the Divisional Forest Officer, Poona, was built in the Haveli Mámlatdár's kacheri.

The Executive Engineer, Sátára, constructed stabling for two horses near the forest bungalow at Lingmala at a cost of Rs. 339, which amount was transferred to the Provincial Service Budget from the Forest Budget under the orders of Government.

55. The following table gives the expenditure incurred by the Divisional Forest Officers in building rest-houses, temporary depôt houses, forest guards' huts, *mandows* or sheds for temporary depôt establishments, &c. :—

No.	Division.	Amount.		
		Rs.	a.	p.
1	East Khándesh	392	8	0
2	West Khándesh	1,559	14	5
3	Násik	125	8	0
4	Ahmednagar	.....		
5	Poona	20	0	0
6	Sátára	98	0	3
7	Sholápur	2	8	0
	Total ...	2,198	6	8

(*b*). Protection of Forests from Injury.

(*1*). *General Protection and Breaches of Forest Law.*

56. 85 cases in respect of which complaints had been laid before Magistrates against forest offenders by Forest Officers were awaiting trial at the opening of the year ; and 1,439 new cases were sent up to the Criminal Courts during the fifteen months, making 1,524 cases on the registers. Out of these, 1,402 cases were disposed of during the year, with the result that convictions were obtained in 1,009 cases, and 393 cases were acquitted ; 2,436 persons were convicted and punished, and 1,267 persons escaped under the 393 acquitted cases. At the close of the year, 122 cases were pending.